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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: S. R. Mannava et al. )  
Serial No: 10/791,576 ) Group Art Unit: 1725  
Filed: 03/02/2004 ) Examiner:  
For: LOWER FLUENCE BOUNDARY ) Samuel M. Heinrich  
OBLIQUE LASER SHOCK PEENING )

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

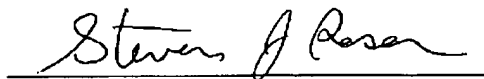
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2005,  
please enter the following election:

**Restriction Requirement**

1. The Examiner's Restriction Requirement is hereby  
acknowledged and the Applicants elect to prosecute the  
invention of Group I which includes Claims 1-24.

Respectfully submitted,



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